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**VINH RAILROAD YARD NORTHEAST
NORTH VIETNAM
18-41N 105-40E**

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TRANSHIPMENT AREA
RECONSTRUCTION

CONVENTIONAL ROLLING STOCK

VINH 1.2 NM

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE PRESENCE OF CONVENTIONAL ROLLING STOCK AT THE VINH RAILROAD YARD NORTHEAST.

2. LOCATION:

1.2 NM NE OF VINH.

3. BACKGROUND:

CONVENTIONAL ROLLING STOCK WAS OBSERVED AT VINH ON [REDACTED] FOR THE 25X1 FIRST TIME SINCE 1966. CONCENTRATED AIR STRIKES DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1966 TO 1 NOVEMBER 1968 AGAINST THE VINH RAILYARD AND THE RAILLINE NORTH OF VINH PREVENTED CONVENTIONAL ROLLING STOCK FROM BEING MOVED TO VINH. SINCE 1 NOVEMBER 1968 TWO MAJOR RAIL BRIDGES BETWEEN VINH AND THE 19TH PARALLEL HAVE BEEN RECONSTRUCTED AND ARE NOW CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE HEAVIER CONVENTIONAL ROLLING STOCK IN ADDITION TO SMALLER 2-AXLE RAIL CARS AND LORRIES. THESE SMALLER PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK WERE ABLE TO REACH VINH INTERMITTENTLY DURING SHORT PERIODS WHEN THE LINE WAS MADE SERVICEABLE BETWEEN PERIODS OF STRIKE INTERDICTIONS.

4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF 8 DECEMBER 1968 REVEALS THE PRESENCE OF CONVENTIONAL ROLLING

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STOCK AT THE VINH RAILYARD AND CONTINUED RECONSTRUCTION AT THE ADJOINING TRANS-SHIPMENT AREA.

TWENTY-TWO PIECES OF CONVENTIONAL ROLLING STOCK ARE OBSERVED STANDING IN THE RAILYARD INCLUDING 17 GONDOLA AND FIVE BOX CARS. NO STEAM LOCOMOTIVES OR DIESEL SWITCH ENGINES ARE OBSERVED.

CONTINUED CLEARING/SCRAPING IS OBSERVED AT THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA BEING RECONSTRUCTED APPARENTLY TO FACILITATE TRAIN TO TRUCK TRANSLOADING AND SUPPLY STOCKPILING. NO BUILDINGS/WAREHOUSES HAVE BEEN RECONSTRUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE TRANSSHIPPING AREA. NO TRANSFER OR STOCKPILING OF MATERIALS IS OBSERVED ON THIS DATE.

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